

it being the full balance due for covering the state house, over and above the appropriation made by the last legislature.

Robert Stevens, Chairman.

By order,

D. Ridgely, Com. Clerk.

Mr. Thomas of Frederick, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, have considered the order directing them to inquire into the propriety of regulating by law the fees of notaries public in this state, so as to make them charge uniform for the same or similar services, and beg leave respectfully to refer the house to an act of assembly, passed December session 1801, chapter 86, section 9, by which it will appear that the legislature have already regulated by law the fees of notaries public in this state. The committee are not aware of any instances in which notaries public have exceeded the charges allowed by law. Many, from a spirit of competition, have exacted less than they are entitled to, which has occasioned the want of uniformity complained of. The fees, as now established, the committee conceive, are not too high for the services required, and any attempt to prevent underbidding would be unwise and unfair, as it would be unavailing. The committee therefore hope they may be discharged from further consideration of said order.

By order,

George A. Farquhar, Com. Clk.

Bills of the following titles, were this day severally reported:

By Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee on education, An act supplemental to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth, in primary schools, throughout this state. And,

By Mr. Mackey, An act to authorise and empower Frisby Henderson, James Sewall and Enoch Cloud, of Cecil county, to sell and convey the property therein mentioned.

Which said bills were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate returned the bills, sent to that body for concurrence, entitled,

An act for re-establishing a road and landing at a place commonly called The Ship Yard, in Kent county. And,

An act to empower the levy court of Kent county, to grant relief to indigent persons of said county; severally endorsed, "will pass." The said bills were thereupon ordered to be engrossed.

Also delivered a bill, originated in, and passed by, the senate, entitled, An act further to regulate proceedings in the court of chancery, and of the several county courts, as courts of equity, in this state; which was read by its title, and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.